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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO NATO DPC MINISTERIAL DECISIONS

REF: USNATO 3233; USNATO 3247; USNATO 3201

1. TEXT OF LUNS PO DISCUSSING ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FOLLOW-UP TO DPC MINISTERIAL DECISIONS OF JUNE 7 WAS REPORTED IN USNATO 3233. DPC WILL TAKE ACTION ON PO ON JULY 12. LUNS' COMMENTS DEAL WITH THE 1974 SPRING AD-70 REVIEW; MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE; BASIC ISSUES OF NATO DEFENSE PLANNING; CRITICAL AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT; THE POSSIBILITY OF A MULTILATERAL PROGRAM TO COMPENSATE THE UNITED STATES FOR THE STATIONING OF THEIR FORCES IN EUROPE; THE POSSIBILITIES OF SPECIALIZATION IN THE CENTRAL REGION; ORGANIZATION, COMMAND AND CONTROL OF TACTICAL AIR FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION; INFRASTRUCTURE; MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS; AND CONFRENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS.

2. WE FIND LUNS' PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES GENERALLY SUITABLE, WITH ONE EXCEPTION. AS INDICATED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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USNATO 3247, WE PREFER THAT OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF DEFENSE AND ECONOMIC ADVISORS ON BURDEN-SHARING (MULTILATERAL PROGRAM) BE CHAIRED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL PANSA, RATHER THAN ASG/DP&P HUMPHREYS, TO LEND GROUP HIGHER STATURE.

3. WE PROPOSE TO SUPPORT THE ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES AS CARRIED IN THE PO, WITH THE ONE EXCEPTION INDICATED. IN ADDITION WE PROPOSE TO SUGGEST THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL GIVE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE AN INFORMAL PROGRESS REPORT IN EARLY OCTOBER ON STATUS OF ACTION IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS, SO THAT MEMENTUM MAY BE MAINTAINED OR ADDITIONAL IMPETUS IMPARTED, LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL.

4. WE ALSO PROPOSE TO MAKE COMMENT WITH REFERENCE TO PARA. 10 OF P.O. THAT WE REGARD THE MILITARY BOP DEFICIT AS ONE OF THE PROBLEMS AND NOT THE PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED. WE THINK THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN ORDER TO AVOID PRECLUDING US FROM OFFERING OTHER REASONS IN ADDITION TO BOP DEFICIT AS BASIS FOR ASSUMPTION OF GREATER SHARE OF DEFENSE BURDEN BY OUR ALLIES.

5. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON PROPOSALS IN PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE.

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